

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SEAN MAURICE DEAN,

Plaintiff

Case No. 3:22-cv-00085-MMD-CLB

ORDER

v.

STEVE SISOLAK, et al.,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

On May 6, 2022, the Court issued a screening order permitting two claims to proceed and dismissing the remaining claims with leave to amend. (ECF No. 3 at 12-14.) The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date of that order to file an amended complaint curing the deficiencies of the complaint. (*Id.* at 13.) The Court specifically stated that if Plaintiff chose not to file an amended complaint, the action would proceed on the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) and Rehabilitation Act (“RA”) claims based on (i) prison officials’ failure to ensure that Southern Desert Correctional Center’s (“SDCC”) facilities were accessible to mobility-impaired inmates, and (ii) prison officials’ decision to transfer Plaintiff from SDCC to Northern Nevada Correctional Center (“NNCC”) on a prison bus that could not accommodate wheelchair-bound inmates. (*Id.* at 13-14.) Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint.

Pursuant to the screening order, this action will proceed against Defendants Daniels and Hutchings in their official capacities on the ADA and RA claims based on (i) prison officials’ failure to ensure that SDCC’s facilities were accessible to mobility-impaired inmates, and (ii) prison officials’ decision to transfer Plaintiff from SDCC to NNCC on a prison bus that could not accommodate wheelchair-bound inmates.

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the Court’s screening order (ECF No. 3), this action will proceed against Defendants Daniels and Hutchings in

1 their official capacities on the ADA and RA claims based on (i) prison officials' failure to
2 ensure that SDCC's facilities were accessible to mobility-impaired inmates, and (ii) prison
3 officials' decision to transfer Plaintiff from SDCC to NNCC on a prison bus that could not
4 accommodate wheelchair-bound inmates.

5 It is further ordered that given the nature of the claim(s) that the Court has
6 permitted to proceed, this action is stayed for 90 days to allow Plaintiff and Defendant(s)
7 an opportunity to settle their dispute before the \$350.00 filing fee is paid, an answer is
8 filed, or the discovery process begins. During this 90-day stay period and until the Court
9 lifts the stay, no other pleadings or papers may be filed in this case, and the parties will
10 not engage in any discovery, nor are the parties required to respond to any paper filed in
11 violation of the stay unless specifically ordered by the Court to do so. The Court will refer
12 this case to the Court's Inmate Early Mediation Program, and the Court will enter a
13 subsequent order. Regardless, on or before 90 days from the date this order is entered,
14 the Office of the Attorney General will file the report form attached to this order regarding
15 the results of the 90-day stay, even if a stipulation for dismissal is entered prior to the end
16 of the 90-day stay. If the parties proceed with this action, the Court will then issue an
17 order setting a date for Defendants to file an answer or other response. Following the
18 filing of an answer, the Court will issue a scheduling order setting discovery and
19 dispositive motion deadlines.

20 It is further ordered that "settlement" may or may not include payment of money
21 damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff's issues
22 differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely satisfied
23 with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained something in
24 return.

25 It is further ordered that if the case does not settle, Plaintiff will be required to pay
26 the full \$350.00 statutory filing fee for a civil action. This fee cannot be waived, and the
27 fee cannot be refunded once the Court enters an order granting Plaintiff's application to
28 proceed *in forma pauperis*. If Plaintiff is allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the fee will

1 be paid in installments from his prison trust account. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). If Plaintiff
2 is not allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the full \$350 statutory filing fee for a civil
3 action plus the \$52 administrative filing fee, for a total of \$402, will be due immediately.


4 It is further ordered that if any party seeks to have this case excluded from the
5 inmate mediation program, that party will file a “motion to exclude case from mediation”
6 no later than 21 days prior to the date set for mediation. The responding party will have 7
7 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue an order, set
8 the matter for hearing, or both.

9 It is further ordered that if Plaintiff needs a translator to participate in the mediation
10 program, Plaintiff will file a notice identifying the translation language and the need for the
11 translator within 30 days from the date of this order.

12 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court will electronically serve a copy of
13 this order, the original screening order (ECF No. 3), and a copy of Plaintiff’s complaint
14 (ECF No. 4) on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada, by adding the
15 Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not indicate
16 acceptance of service.

17 It is further ordered that the Attorney General’s Office will advise the Court within
18 21 days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter a limited notice of
19 appearance on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of settlement. No defenses or
20 objections, including lack of service, will be waived as a result of the filing of the limited
21 notice of appearance.

22 DATED THIS 16 day of June 2022.

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25 United States Magistrate Judge
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REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: RESULTS OF 90-DAY STAY

**NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL FILE THIS FORM.
THE INMATE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOT FILE THIS FORM.**

On _____ [*the date of the issuance of the screening order*], the Court issued its screening order stating that it had conducted its screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, and that certain specified claims in this case would proceed. The Court ordered the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to file a report ninety (90) days after the date of the entry of the Court's screening order to indicate the status of the case at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office of the Attorney General hereby complies.

REPORT FORM

[Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case, and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [*enter date*], and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (*even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed*). (*If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.*)

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [*enter date*], and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

1 _____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the
 2 90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. *(If this box*
 3 *is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a*
 4 *contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the*
Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they
will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

5 _____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the
 6 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for _____ [enter
 date].

7 _____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the
 8 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for
 such a session.

9 _____ None of the above five statements describes the status of this case.
 10 Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney
 General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the
 status of this case.

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12 **Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case:** The case was NOT assigned
 13 to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the
 14 parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this
 statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the four statements below and fill in any additional
 information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

15 _____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the
 16 parties have reached a settlement *(even if the paperwork to memorialize*
 17 *the settlement remains to be completed)*. *(If this box is checked, the parties*
 18 *are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous*
stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the
stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation
of dismissal.)

19 _____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the
 20 parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General
 therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

21 _____ The parties have not engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date,
 22 the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney
 General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

23 _____ None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case.
 24 Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney
 25 General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the
 status of this case.

26 Submitted this _____ day of _____, _____ by:

27 Attorney Name: _____

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